

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Burkittsville proclaim the week of May 7-13, 2017 to be International Compost Awareness Week

WHEREAS, the US Composting Council Research and Education Foundation has declared the first full week of May as International Compost Awareness Week;

WHEREAS, composting is a way of returning organic resources to the soil; is a way of conserving water during extreme drought or flooding conditions, reducing water consumption and non-point pollution; and is a proven method of decreasing the dependence on chemical fertilizers and decreasing erosion;

WHEREAS, composting is an effective form of waste reduction, reuse and recycling; and since organic materials make up approximately 30% of the material going to landfills, composting is becoming one of the primary methods communities use to reach waste diversion goals;

WHEREAS, materials such as yard trimmings, vegetable cuttings, biosolids, food scraps, manures and hay shavings have all been composted and converted into a beneficial product known as compost;

WHEREAS, communities, through their local governments, highway departments, soil conservation service and extension offices, and public works professionals, can have significant impact on clean water, soil, climate change and landfill diversion by using compost for public works projects;

WHEREAS, International Compost Awareness Week is a publicity and education initiative to showcase compost production and demonstrate compost use; and Frederick County will celebrate locally with a Compost Summit on May 22;

WHEREAS, this year's theme, Compost! Healthy Soil, Healthy Food, was selected to highlight the importance of compost in clean, plentiful water and healthy soil.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Burkittsville MD does hereby RESOLVE:

That the Town of Burkittsville in recognition of the efforts of compost groups, extension agents, soil conservation stewards, householders, landscapers, farmers, recyclers, public workers, composters, gardeners, and plant growers everywhere, hereby proclaim the week of May 7-13, 2017 as International Compost Awareness Week.

Deborah R. Burgoyne, Mayor

John A. Drake, Mayor Pro Tempore

Rachel D. Carballo, Council

Rebecca Remaley, Council

Adopted at the May, 2017, Town Meeting